



# Cornell University Student Assembly

## 1                   **Resolution 26: Approving Special Projects** 2                   **Funding Request for the Pan-African Student Association** 3                   **(PASA)**

4    *Abstract:* This resolution approves \$1,500.00 of Special Projects Funding to the Pan African  
5    Student Association to partially fund their annual fashion show Afrik.

6    *Sponsored by:* George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

7    *Reviewed by:* Executive Committee, 03/06/23, 5-0-1

8    *Type of Action:* Recommendation

9    *Originally Presented:* 3/9/2023

10   *Current Status:* New Business  
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12   **Whereas,** the Student Assembly Standing Rules, Section 8: Spending Guidelines, Part B:  
13   Special Projects Funding outlines the purpose of Special Projects Funding and the process of  
14   approving funding requests.

15   **Whereas,** lines 281-283 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules explains the purpose of Special  
16   Projects Funding as follows:

17           Rule 5: The Student Assembly may choose to fund any project, program or service  
18           through SA Special Projects that it deems to improve the quality of undergraduate student  
19           life or to further the goals of the SA. Special Projects funding is a type of category  
20           spending.

21   **Whereas,** lines 304-307 of the Student Assembly Standing Rules describes the approval process  
22   of Special Projects Funding as follows:

23           Rule 8: The Executive Committee shall decide upon special projects requests over \$400  
24           and under \$1500 by a majority vote. The SA, at large, may reverse an Executive  
25           Committee decision to fund amounts over \$400 by a two-thirds vote. The request should  
26           be presented to the Student Assembly in the form of a resolution.

27   **Whereas,** Afrik is an annual display and celebration of African cultures and their immense  
28   diversity put on by the Pan-African Student Association.

29 **Whereas**, each year hundreds of attendees show up in their most stunning attire to cheer on  
30 student models, support local & outside fashion designers, experience revolutionary displays and  
31 representations of African cultures, and enjoy being in community.

32 **Whereas**, PASA continuously aims to promote engaging community involvement by hosting  
33 multiple events throughout the school year that connects those with African heritage.

34 **Whereas**, last year Afrik was hosted at Duffield Hall, and it was such a success that this year it  
35 was held at Barton Hall. With this change, there has been an increase in the fixed costs required  
36 to rent the space to host the event.

37 **Whereas**, while all models are Cornell students, the majority of the designers are professionals  
38 that we pay to craft custom clothing items and fly into Ithaca to view the show, increasing the  
39 overall cost of the program.

40 **Whereas**, the Student Assembly is about promoting community involvement on Cornell's  
41 campus, and Afrik is nothing short of a complete embodiment of our values and mission  
42 statement as the event has become a tradition in the Black Cornell community.

43 **Be it further resolved**, that the Student Assembly approves the \$1,500.00 Special Projects  
44 Funding disbursement to Pan-African Student Association.

45 **Be it finally resolved**, that the Student Assembly necessitates that this funding be used to cover  
46 the cost of Afrik from the organizations operating budget.

47 Respectfully Submitted,

48 George Rocco DeLorenzo '24

49 *Vice President for Finance, Student Assembly*

# AFRIK

2023

7:00 PM

SATURDAY

MARCH 4

BARTON HALL